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SUBJECT: FRENCH ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS ON INDOCHINESE

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REFUGEES

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1. FRENCH EM0ASSY MINISTER COUNSELOR BOYER CALLED ON HA
DEPUTY CARLIN SEPT. 8 TO REPORT PARIS VIEWS ON PARTICI-
PATION IN KUALA LUMPUR MEETING AND POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. BOYER

SAID FRENCH WOULD ATTEND KUALA LUMPUR MEETING, ALTHOUGH PARIS HAD NOT RECEIVED INVITATION. WE INFORMED HIM THAT WE UNDERSTOOD SAMPATKUMAR HAD INVITED CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN KUALA LUMPUR, INCLUDING FRENCH.

2. BOYER SAID FRENCH WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO GET OTHER "INDUSTRIALIZED" COUNTRIES TO DO MORE TO RESOLVE REFUGEE PROBLEM. FRENCH BELIEVED THAT, BEFORE SUCH A CONFERENCE, PRELIMINARY CONTACTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT CONFERENCE WOULD RESULT IN ADOPTION OF CONCRETE MEASURES. BOYER SAID GOF WOULD DO ITS BIT TO INTEREST OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN ATTENDING AND CONTRIBUTING TO SUCH A CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR IT TO SUCCEED. HE SAID FRENCH ALSO FELT THAT MEETING SHOULD BE "TECHNICAL" RATHER

THAN POLITICAL IN NATURE TO AVOID POSSIBILITY THAT IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST "OTHER" COUNTRIES. BOYER INDICATED INTEREST IN KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US AS ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE DEVELOP.

3. COMMENT: FRENCH POSITION SEEMS QUITE FORTHCOMING, COMPARED TO PAOLINI'S PRELIMINARY VIEWS REPORTED REF A. WE PARTICULARLY LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH AS TO WHICH COUNTRIES THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO APPROACH TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED CONFERENCE AND WHAT SPECIFIC

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CONCRETE MEASURES THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET AGREED TO BY AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO BE GENERALLY APPROVED THERE. CHRISTOPHER

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